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Pioneer Day Edition

Pioneer Day traditions revealed

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> — Jake Crandall, BYU student

As July 24 approaches, people outside of Utah are left wondering what exactly goes on in Utah on Pioneer Day.

July 24 is a state-declared holiday set aside to celebrate the day the pioneers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints entered the Salt Lake valley.

Although fireworks usually mark the celebration, some students and residents have come up with their own ways of celebrating.

Jannah Beard, 19, a sophomore from Parowan, Iron County, majoring in home economics education, belongs to a ward that travels to a park every year in Iron County.

Barbeques, trail rides, hikes and karaoke are just a few of the activities members of the ward participate in.

Beard said Zion National Park is another popular place to go camping, especially around Pioneer Day.

Jake Crandall, 23, a senior from Sandy, majoring in computer science, said he will spend the day with his family.

A trip up to Little Cottonwood Canyon for a picnic and some fun is a traditional activity for about 10 to 15 of his immediate family members, Crandall said.

"It's good to spend some time with the family on the 24th of July," Crandall said.

Janine Savage from American Fork took her family to her mother's home in Salt Lake last year.

They camped out, sang pioneer songs, told stories and made homemade ice cream, she said.

"We're really big into Pioneer Day," Savage said.

Other students participated in the statewide event last year.

Janene Larson, a University of Utah student and a Salt Lake City native, said her ward organized a fun-o-rama carnival-type activity, followed by fireworks.

"They did it every year for a number of years," Larson said.

Some students from other states are beginning to adopt some of Utah's Pioneer Day traditions.

Angela Spear, 21, a senior from Spokane, Wash., majoring in geography, said she and her husband enjoy watching fireworks on Pioneer Day.

"That's what it's all about," Spear said.

File photo

With many traditions to celebrate the entrance of the pioneers into Utah, some Utahns have made barbequing, hiking or camping their traditions. Fireworks are also a popular way to celebrate Pioneer Day.

photo by Mark A. Philbrick

Todd Bronson, a BYU graduate student, demonstrates the new fluorescent molecules. The molecules measure metal content in water, making it easier to respond to pollution problems quickly.

Y researchers create fluorescent molecules

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Researchers at BYU have created fluorescent molecules that can detect metal pollutants in drinking water and waste streams.

"This research will let us create a sensor that continually measures metal in a sample of water as it flows by, making it easier to respond to any problems more quickly," said Paul Savage, associate professor of chemistry.

Current methods of tracking metal in water are labor intensive and can be very slow, Savage said.

Todd Bronson, a graduate student in organic chemistry, said this newer, more efficient technology provides a better method for detecting pollutants.

"With this new technology, we may be able to replace existing technologies that are slower and less sensitive," Bronson said.

BYU's work was showcased in the July 13 issue of the American Chemical Society's "Journal of Organic Chemistry."

Bronson said the article describes how the team designed and created the molecules in the laboratory and explains how the molecules respond to zinc, cadmium and lead in the presence of ultraviolet light.

To detect a potentially dangerous metal like zinc, the BYU team created compounds that seek out and bind with those metal ions. The researchers then created small molecules that attach to the metal binding compounds, he said.

These molecules reveal the presence of bound metal ions by acting as fluorescent "reporters" that glow when ultraviolet light is shined on them, Bronson said.

Savage said plans are under way to develop a device that will allow industrial plants and water treatment facilities to track the concentration of metal ions in water and waste streams over time.

Bronson said BYU's work is unique and has caught the attention of other universities.

"I'm very impressed with the quality of research from BYU," said Richard Bartsch, chair of the department of chemistry and biochemistry at Texas Tech University.

"I've been acquainted with BYU researchers for more than a decade and have the highest regard for their research," he said.

Forest officials concerned about open fires on 24th

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Current wild fires and the potential for others are causing officials to urge the public to exercise caution over Pioneer Day .

Uinta National Forest Service officials said holidays increase the number of visitors in the canyons and mountains. The combination of low humidity, dry vegetation, high winds and people elevate the risk of human caused wild fires.

"With as dry as it is, it would be really easy for one to get away," said Lola Bird, Uinta National Forest Service representative.

Forest Service officials provided a list of precautions for those going into Forest areas for the holiday. Included in the list is a reminder that fire restrictions are in place for national forests in northern Utah.

The restrictions prohibit open fires of any kind except in developed campgrounds, according to the Forest Service.

Bird said illegal and abandoned fires are a big problem for law enforcement officers.

The Forest Service is asking people to put out their fires in the approved areas and to follow the fire restrictions by not lighting fires in unapproved areas.

File photo

Two crewmen work to put out a wildfire this summer. Forest service officials are emphasizing the need to follow campground restrictions during the holiday to prevent more fires.

Fire closures issued before Independence Day are still in effect for Provo, Salt Lake City, federal and state lands, officials said.

The Beef Hollow fire, which was accidently started by the National Guard, the Point of the Mountain increased concern for Salt Lake County fire officials.

"We have the same restrictions in place as the Fourth, but they could possibly become more stringent as a result of this fire," said Captain Jay Ziolkowski, public information officer for the Salt Lake County fire department.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people do very well," Utah County Fire Marshall Tom Wroe said. "It's the one percent we have to worry about and the added ingredient that most of our fires have been started by lightning."

Dead child's father kills himself

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A man who was to begin a jail sentence Wednesday for the death of his young son committed suicide in the same mountains where the boy disappeared, police said.

Paul Wayment's body was discovered Wednesday afternoon on a ridge near a small pond, said Summit County Sheriff's Detective Robert Berry. A medical examiner was on the way, but Berry said preliminary reports indicate he shot himself in the head with his hunting rifle.

Wayment, 38, was sentenced Tuesday to serve 30 days in jail for the death of his 28-month-old son, Gage.

Hilder gave Wayment time to report to jail, but after a brief consultation with his attorney, Wayment pledged to turn himself in to the Summit County Jail at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

He never showed.

Wayment apparently told his family as they left the courtroom that he was "going to drive up into the mountains to be by himself for a little while," Berry said.

"He could have done the jail time," Cook told KUTV. "I think it was the overwhelming burden at that point that tipped the scale."

At around 11:30 a.m., deputies spotted Wayment's pickup truck parked on private hunting land in the Chalk Creek area above Coalville, according to detective Robert Berry.

That's the same spot Wayment left Gage in his truck Oct. 26 as he went scouting for deer. When he returned after about 45 minutes, the toddler was gone. The boy's frozen body was found more than five days later more than a mile from the truck, with scratches on his face and the feet on his pajamas worn through.

In court Tuesday, Wayment seemed subdued as he read a short statement before the judge, saying he loved his only child "with all my heart and soul."

"In one brief and monumental moment while Gage slept in the truck, I made the biggest mistake of my life ... If I could change places with my son, I would give up my life in a second," Wayment said.

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ew workshop ains employees n technology

aculty and staff will receive an ensive overview of campus nology July 26 at "BYU Meets hnology," a new orientation rkshop.

ne workshop, presented by man Resource Development d the Office of Information hnology, is open to faculty, f and student employees.

"We want members of the community to know how they become even more productive in their efforts to do good rk," said Matt Young, professional development assistant at man Resource Development.

ne workshop, featuring Eric na, vice president of technolo- will begin at 9:15 a.m. with orientation in the Varsity The- r.

even hour-long sessions will er new campus technologies, o navigation, Harold B. Lee rary resources, and the crosoft applications Word, el, Outlook and PowerPoint.

"We hope this conference will o all university employees get irmer grasp on technological ls available here at BYU," said vin Miller, training manager at man Resource Development.

—Marc Stevens

UTAH

olice evacuate of U building r hoax bomb

device resembling a bomb s discovered in the James tcher Physics Building on the iversity of Utah campus dnesday morning.

custodian found the device ked behind a toilet while clean- a first-floor bathroom, said geant Kevin Nellenberg, Uni- sity Police public information cer.

ne custodian immediately noti- d his crew leader who then tacted University Police, Nel- berg said.

niversity Police evacuated the cher building and immediately k precautions to minimize the rential effects of a bomb by ifying the Salt Lake City Explo- Ordinance Retail, Nellenberg d.

ne EOD x-rayed the device then used a detonator to dis- and disable the suspicious ice, said Salt Lake City Police geant Fred Lewis.

t appears the device found in bathroom was only a hoax," d Ben Lemmon, University of h police chief.

—S. Mark Newman

UTAH

re Captain: amp Williams laze contained

ne Beef Hollow fire started at mp Williams was 80 percent tained Wednesday morning d expected to be 100 percent tained by Wednesday night, d Capt. Jay Ziolkowski, public rmation officer for the Salt e County fire department.

according to the National Fire rmation Center, more than people worked to contain the ze that consumed over 12,000 es.

usty winds caused flare-ups at head of the fire near Herri- in Salt Lake County's Rose nyon.

nearly 200 homes are near the but are not expected to be iously threatened, Ziolkowski d.

"We haven't given any evacuas and we don't anticipate a ed to," Ziolkowski said dnesday.

he fire was started Monday en unpredictable winds sent rks from a controlled burn into grasses at Camp Williams, Lt. Col. Craig Morgan of the h National Guard.

—Carol-Lyn Jardine

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Today on newsnet.byu.edu
the latest information on the death of Paul Wayment

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Fishing boat wreckage found near coast

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Coast Guard investigators confirmed Wednesday that they have located the wreckage of a fishing boat that sank in the Bering Sea last April with 15 people aboard.

Using a sonar device towed behind a fishing trawler, the vessel was located early Wednesday more than 450 feet below the surface and about 200 miles northwest of St. Paul Island, said Capt. Ronald Morris of the Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation.

An unmanned submarine with a camera reached the vessel at about 9:30 a.m. and clearly showed the vessel's name on the hull.

The Coast Guard sent the robotic camera down after a short memorial ceremony that included dropping a wreath over the Arctic Rose.

The 92-foot Arctic Rose sank about 775 miles southwest of Anchorage on April 2. The only sign of trouble was a signal from the vessel's automatic emergency locator beacon.

Only the body of the skipper, David E. Rundall, 34, has been recovered.

Old sprinklers may cause fire hazards

WASHINGTON — Millions of fire sprinklers in buildings across America are being replaced because they might not work properly during fires, the manufacturer said Wednesday.

Central Sprinkler Co., which is owned by Tyco International Ltd., is providing free replacements for the defective sprinklers, said L. Dennis Kozlowski, Tyco's chief executive. The company discovered the older sprinkler heads have O-ring seals that can corrode, he said.

"We immediately shared our concerns with the authorities," Kozlowski said. "These are not defective heads, and this deterioration takes place over a very long period of time."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the company plan to announce the replacement program Thursday, Kozlowski said during a conference call with reporters.

Apple Computer shares fall 17 percent

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Shares of Apple Computer Inc. plunged 17 percent Wednesday after the company lowered its revenue forecast for the remainder of its fiscal year.

The company posted a 70 percent drop in third-quarter profits Tuesday, beating Wall Street expectations by two pennies per share, but it said it expects revenues for the second half of the year to be around $3 billion, compared to the previous range of $3.2 billion to $3.4 billion.

"We haven't seen any signs of an upturn in the consumer PC market," Fred Anderson, Apple's chief financial officer, told analysts in a conference call.

Apple introduced new products at the MacWorld Expo in New York, including a basic-level iMac with a rewritable CD drive for $999. The company did not indicate whether it thought any of the announcements would significantly boost its outlook.

Experts ask for more AIDS donations

NEW YORK — Public health experts are asking the world's industrial powers to give more to a new international AIDS fund, saying the nearly $1 billion raised so far is not nearly enough to fight the global epidemic.

"Donor countries are fooling themselves if they feel that this would make a significant impact; it will not," nine AIDS experts from North America, Europe and Africa wrote.

The request came on the eve of the Group of Eight economic summit, in a commentary being published Thursday in the journal Nature.

The experts estimated that $8 billion to $10 billion a year is needed. About half of that would go toward education and other public health programs designed to fight the spread of the AIDS virus. The other half would be used to treat those already infected.

Some international donors, including U.S. government officials, have argued that more money should go for prevention, as a more cost-effective way to control the epidemic.

Fed may cut rates 7th time this yea

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan foresees no quick end to sluggish economic growth and signaled Wednesday that the Fed stands ready to cut interest rates for a seventh time this year.

"The period of sub-par economic performance ... is not yet over, and we are not free of the risk that economic weakness will be greater than currently anticipated and require further policy response," Greenspan told the House Financial Services Committee in his twice-a-year report on the economy.

In an effort to stave off recession, the Federal Reserve has cut interest rates six times this year, totaling 2.75 percentage points. It has been the most aggressive credit-easing campaign in nearly two decades.

Greenspan expressed hope that the Fed's actions, combined with falling energy costs and soon-to-be mailed tax-rebate checks, will bolster an economy stuck in low gear for a year.

"The rate of deterioration is clearly slowing," Greenspan said.

Although he offered some encouraging comments, he cautioned: "The risks would seem to remain mostly tilted toward weakness in the economy."

That is likely to be the case, he said, until there is more evidence that businesses have gotten their excess stock in line with sales and companies increase investment in computers and other high-tech equipment.

Much of the slowdown comes from businesses sharply cutting back on production and on capital spending in the face of sagging demand. Economic upheaval in other countries, coupled with rising energy prices last year into this year, intensified the problem and drained the purchasing power both of businesses and consumers, Greenspan said.

"Certainly, should conditions warrant, we may need to ease further, but we must not lose sight of the prerequisite of longer-term price stability," Greenspan said.

Economists viewed Greenspan's remarks as a signal that an additional interest rate cut could come as soon as the Fed's next meeting on Aug. 21. But they said they believe the Fed, wary of inflation down the road, would limit any further rate reductions to the conservative quarter-point move.

"Greenspan wants the Fed to be seen as ready to help more," said First Union's chief economist David Orr.

FBI loses hundreds of laptops, guns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers urged a government-wide accounting of firearms and computers Wednesday following the FBI's disclosure that hundreds of laptops and weapons were missing from the agency.

A bureau administrator acknowledged that no single official was responsible for keeping track of weapons or computers with classified information.

GOP Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, ranking Republican on the Finance Committee, called for the Treasury Department — which includes the Secret Service — to account for its guns and secure computers.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., wants the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative and auditing arm, to check every federal agency to see if any other weapons are missing.

"If our premiere law enforcement agency, the FBI, is so lax in keeping track of its guns, I shudder to think about what other abuses may exist at other federal agencies," said Dingell, top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

The FBI has since tightened security and Attorney General John Ashcroft said he has confidence in the agency. Senators critical of FBI lapses nevertheless pledged to press for major reforms.

"This Congress wants some changes and so does the American people," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said at an FBI oversight hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Justice Department revealed Tuesday that 449 side arms and submachine guns are missing. One of the missing guns was used in a homicide, officials said. Also, there are 184 computers — at least one containing classified data — missing.

Each FBI employee has been accountable for the whereabouts of laptop computers assigned to them. Kenneth Senser, the FBI's deputy assistant director in charge of internal security, said the FBI established a security council that began in May 2000 to put in place a system to make sure the bureau was keeping track of the computers.

"Who is held accountable?" demanded Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., to Senser.

"At the time, actually, there was no one held accountable, in the sense that the FBI policy was very clear on the control of laptop computers," Senser said.

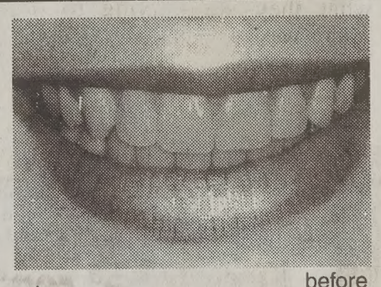
"You're saying nobody's held accountable? So you can have laptops with classified information, so you sort of leave it to the person with it to make sure it's turned in when they're supposed to be?" Leahy said. "We have a better system here in the Senate."

Senser added that the FBI has improved its security systems and protocols in the last two years.

"Is there a system in place now so if you have a computer with classified information that somebody in the FBI can say 2 o'clock this afternoon 'I know where every one of the computers is with classified information and who has them?'" Leahy asked.

"Today, yes, that is true," Senser said.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ashcroft said he continues to believe in the FBI despite recent controversies. "Every organization has problems," he said.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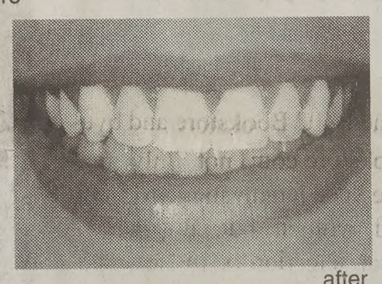
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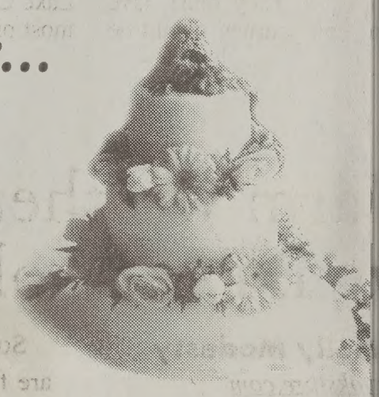

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Scripture of the Day

"My son, peace be unto thy soul; thine adversity and thine afflictions shall be but a small moment; And then, if thou endure it well, God shall exalt thee on high; thou shalt triumph over all thy foes."

— Doctrine and Covenants 121:7-8

Kelli Smith, 20, a visiting student from Sandy, Salt Lake County, likes this scripture because "it tells me I can overcome any problems I am facing."

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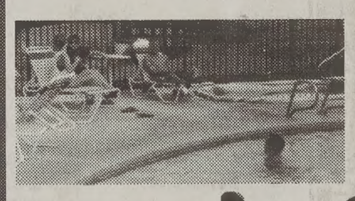

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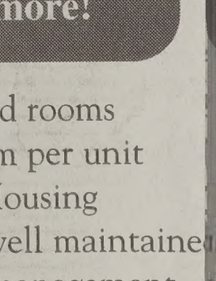

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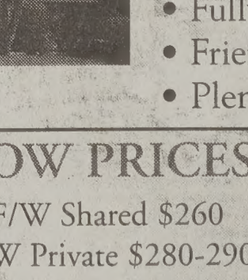

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'ioneering crosses boundaries, cultures

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ly 6,000 pioneers died the trail to the Salt Lake according to the BYU History Department.

e the sacrifice of Latter-day ioneers was great, there are tories left untold.

focus so much on the trail, e truth is pioneering began y moment the convert took t step off their porch," said d Neitzel Holzapfel, asso- rofessor of church history ctrine. "The same thing is th modern people.

journey begins long before ter the waters of baptism."

ty-two-year-old BYU stu- Billy Petrosino of New joined the church when he . Born and raised Roman ic, Petrosino said changing ns was the hardest thing he ne in his life up to that

was hard to go to family because it seemed like ne had labeled me as different, and I felt kind-of like a stranger in my own family."

But that did not stop Billy.

Other missionaries he saw serving in the field inspired him, and he later served a mission in Italy.

"It was a kind of responsibility and faith that I wanted to have in my own life as well," Petrosino said.

Holzapfel said there is a link between modern day and historic pioneers.

"A recent convert from Africa, Russia, India, or any other place can relate to the faith and commitment these pioneers exhibited as they began new lives in a new land with a new religion," he said.

To Shane Jordan, 23 from Gadsen, Ala., a pioneer is, "anybody who is breaking new ground, whether it be exploring or a scientific discovery — someone going into uncharted waters. Like it was for me with my family."

Jordan joined the church when he was 12, but went inactive for two years. It took him moving away from his non-member mother in Indiana to become active again.

> "It was hard to go to family socials because it seemed like everyone had labeled me as different, and I felt kind-of like a stranger in my own family."
>
> — **Billy Petrosino, convert from New Jersey**

"The hardest thing was telling her I wasn't going to live with her anymore," Jordan said.

But his life changed drastically with his new membership in the church.

He served a mission in Dominican Republic and soon after was married in the Atlanta temple. He is now the father to a five-month-old baby girl.

Jordan said that because of the choices he has made, he is free of many of the struggles that he sees his brother dealing with.

"I see my younger brother who lived with my mom as well. There is such a huge difference," Jordan said.

Donna Breckenridge, professor of history and family history, also feels her life has been changed from joining the church.

When Breckenridge joined the church at age 18, her mother had already passed away and her atheist father was not impressed with the new religion.

"He did not take kindly to it," Breckenridge said. "He thought that having a religion was needing a crutch — that I was wimpy and couldn't get through life on my own without having a religion."

Breckenridge visited her father and brother briefly after her baptism, but never lived at home again.

Nonetheless, Breckenridge focuses on the positive.

Photo courtesy of Billy Petrosino

Billy Petrosino, a convert from New Jersey, served a mission to Italy after joining the church at the age of 16. Born and raised Roman Catholic, Petrosino said changing religions was the hardest thing he had done in his life up to that point.

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pril of 1847, the first pio- of the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints left Quarters, Neb. The com- consisted of 143 men, 3 n, and 2 children.

traveled with 73 wagons horses, 66 oxen, 52 mules, s, 17 dogs and some chick- well as carrying a boat and annon, according to lds.org.

were the first of more than pioneers who made the y 1,000-mile trek between nd 1869, when the railroad ompleted. They must have ted their journey would be hard, but many had increased struggles due to improper and inadequate clothes.

Hundreds of books and films focus on the historic migration. William Clayton described a day in the vanguard company in his book The Latter-day Saints' Emigrants' Guide, which included arising at 5 a.m., scheduled morning and evening prayers, and eight to 10 hours of travel each day, interrupted only by a two-hour break midday.

"It was really monotonous unless you had one of those exciting things happen, like a buffalo stampede," said Jenny Lund, curator of education for The Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City. In addition, Lund said, most pioneers walked.

These accounts are not new, and many Latter-day Saints are familiar histories. But not many know what type of clothing pioneers wore and how that affected their trek.

According to Carma deJong Anderson, a historic costumer with a doctorate in historic clothing, many improperly depict the clothing early pioneers wore. Instead of the single colored shirts and pants often shown on men and the plain colored dresses on women, often shown in movies and illustrated in books, pioneers wore clothing that reflected the styles of their era.

"They loved plaids during the Victorian time because Queen Victoria was mad about plaids ... and so plaids swept the international scene as a fashionable item in the 1840's. Men wore plaid pants (or) light colored pants and darker coats," Anderson said.

She said that women also wore plaids and both sexes wore calicos and other patterns, with most of their clothing being made from wool or linen and some silk.

Mark Staker, curator of The Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City, indicated that many of the Latter-day Saints were unprepared in clothing suitable for the labors they would endure on the plains.

"The clothing that they wore, typically, was not designed for what they were trying to do. There was no outdoor style, hiking or camping clothing like we have today. They tended to wear their work clothing (that was) protective, but it wasn't comfortable. It wasn't intended for hiking and climbing or getting wet."

He indicated that even their shoes, which were often made of leather, fell apart under the strains of the environment.

Anderson, though, said many LDS pioneers sacrificed some comfort to maintain an appearance of social mobility. They often continued to wear the stylish dresses with four or five petticoats to produce a bell-shaped appearance. By the time they arrived in the Salt Lake valley, many of the pioneers' dresses were destroyed.

"When they got to the valley, they were in rags. Their dresses were torn off, and their petticoats were ragged. Some of their dresses were torn off clear up to their knees."

She said that many chose dresses because they viewed themselves as "people who were on the move in society and trying to look credible and refined. Their aspirations were for refinement, and so they wanted to stay as refined as possible, even if it meant arriving in rags."

Staker said the destruction of clothing led the pioneers to heed the counsel of Doctrine and Covenants 44, which counsels saints to wear clothing they have made.

"When Johnston's army arrived, a lot of the women were wearing flour sacks or rags … They wore out their fine clothing," he said.

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Events to focus on pioneer history

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Pioneer Day will begin on a reverent note with the annual Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle at Temple Square.

The service will be from 7 to 8 a.m. and is open to the public. The event is sponsored by the Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Days of '47 committee.

Flag ceremony will be officiated by the Mormon Battalion.

Special guest speaker will be Elder Rex D. Pinegar, member of the First Quorum of the Seventy. A musical program will be provided by The Choral Arts Society of Utah along with the Davis Master Chorale.

Music director of the Choral Arts Society of Utah, Sterling Poulson said, "There is a lot of spiritual benefits that come by just starting the day off by remembering the pioneers and remembering what they really did, before you get all carried away with the parade and everything else. It's a moment to reflect."

Attendees of the service will also hear from the three winners of the Days of '47 essay contest, established for middle, junior and high school students. The essays were written on this year's theme, "Welcoming Pioneers from All Nations."

Lynne Turner, chairperson of the essay contest, said that the theme is very diverse this year. It talks about all the pioneers that came to Utah and made their mark, and not just the pioneers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"It helps the kids be aware of the importance of pioneers and the pioneer spirit. It really brings it home to them. They have to think about who are the pioneers, are they just Mormon pioneers, or are there lots of kinds of pioneers."

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>
> — Lynne Turner, chair of the contest

Five individuals will be honored as this year's Pioneers of Progress at the first gala banquet scheduled for Friday.

The honorees are given in five areas and are awarded for their pioneering spirit in present day.

The public is invited to the banquet at the new Grand America Hotel at 7 p.m.

Judy Richins, Pioneers of Progress committee member said, "it brings to remembrance that we have pioneers in our day. It is sending the message that our community recognizes and honors those that are pioneers, whether they were 150 years ago, or in our day today."

The Joseph Smith Memorial Building is hosting the 10th annual Days of '47 Fine Art Show, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 8 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

Y student crowned Days of '47 festival queen

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Photo courtesy of Allison Martin

Allison Martin, a BYU senior from Tuolumne, Calif., shares the spotlight after being crowned queen of the Days of '47.

While many BYU students are busy working and attending classes this summer, one student is busy with her responsibilities as the Days of '47 queen.

After competing against 48 other contestants, Allison Martin, a senior from Tuolumne, Calif., majoring in broadcast journalism, was chosen Days of '47 queen.

Since the May 12 competition, Martin has conducted a whirlwind tour that includes appearances and speaking engagements at Days of '47 functions, civic clubs and sacrament meetings.

For Martin, the Days of '47 celebration serves an important purpose.

"We're celebrating what the pioneers did. That's what the 24th of July is all about," she said.

All Days of '47 contestants must meet eligibility requirements that include being a descendent of a pioneer that immigrated to Utah between 1847 and 1869.

Martin's pioneer lineage is rich in history. She is a descendent of Jesse C. Little who arrived in the Salt Lake Valley with Brigham Young as a member of the advance company. Martin is also a descendent of Thomas Jefferson Thurston who was the first white settler of Morgan County, Utah.

If having a rich pioneer ancestry was not enough, Martin's aunt, Karen Smart from Highland, Utah County, was a Days of '47 attendant in 1981. Martin said her aunt was a big influence on her while growing up.

"I always looked up to Karen, and I admired her for what she accomplished. She's beautiful and so sweet," she said.

Although Martin's responsibilities only run through July 24, she is taking many memorable experiences that will help her in the future.

Martin has spoken at many functions, and she has also used her talent for singing to help people catch the pioneer spirit.

Alan Layton, president of the Days of '47, has been impressed with Martin as he has interacted with her at various activities.

"Allison is an outstanding young woman. She is bright, engaging and intelligent."

Smart praises Martin's ability to accomplish what she puts her mind to.

"Allison is very poised, and she is a self starter that gets things done. She's not afraid to try, and she is not afraid to go after her dreams," Smart said.

Martin plans on pursuing a career as a news reporter or news anchor, and according to those who know her, she is well suited for the job.

Utah Valley to offe holiday activities

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Ever since the first pioneer company entered the Salt Lake Valley, and Brigham Young proclaimed this is the place, Utahns have celebrated July 24 with parades, fireworks, dancing, and good family fun.

Salt Lake City has the Days of '47 celebration every year offering big time entertainment and fun.

However, for those not wishing to fight large crowds and traffic, Utah Valley offers plenty of venues full of big entertainment with small town settings.

Spanish Fork Fiesta Days begins July 20 with the kickoff of the PRCA Rodeo, which runs every night through the July 24, and brings top-notch cowboys to town.

Fiesta Days "is packed full of activities for four days that are family-oriented, but if you're an individual you can enjoy it also," said Janeen Thomas, a city worker for Spanish Fork.

Fiesta Days also sponsors a carnival Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for those who do not require motion sickness medicine, or those who take it and worry about the effects later.

Other events include the children's parade and rodeo dance on Saturday; a fireside Sunday with Thurl Bailey; a craft show and car show; a tennis tournament and a golf tournament; and, the Speedy Spaniard 10K Road Race on Pioneer Day.

Entertainers and a music f will carry on activities on T until fireworks will be dis at the rodeo that night at p.m.

As American as the Fo July and as Utahn as B Young, seems to be the in of country music at summ festivals. This year is no di as American Fork's annua Days Celebration features White and fireworks on Sa

"It's fantastic entertainm two performers, and it's on said Barbara Christiansen, ity chairperson for America Steel Days.

Bryan White has had six hits. He sang for the ch Garrett, in Disney's "Qu Camelot" and sang with Twain for her hit song, This Moment."

The show will be high qu well as economical for fa Christianson said.

The gates open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7:30. C eight and under will be ad free. The concert will American Fork High Scho

The carnival runs today t Saturday at Robinson P Main Street.

Mapleton City also Pioneer Day celebrations, ing breakfast in the park run, the parade, games in t and a youth dance.

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KBYU wins regional Emmy for student movie

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...man hugs her boyfriend goodbye from the steps of a train in a scene in the student-pro... film, "Brides on the Homefront." The film won a regional Emmy.

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KBYU won a regional Emmy last month for its student-produced documentary, "Brides on the Homefront."

Producer Rebecca Tayler and director Melissa Puente, both former BYU theatre and media arts students, focused on the lives of three American women who fell in love during World War II.

They received the award in the category of documentary-cultural issues at the Rocky Mountain Southwest Emmy Awards in Scottsdale, Ariz., on June 30.

"It wasn't the technical quality that got us recognition at all. But the stories of the three women are truly captivating. By the end, you identify with them as closely as you might with the main character in a fiction film at the theater," Tayler said.

The film was funded in part by the KBYU student grant program and the Theatre and Media Arts Department.

"We're very excited about the Emmy award for 'Brides on the Homefront,' especially since it is a student grant project. We worked with two outstanding young filmmakers on this production and the final product definitely shows their potential," said Duane Roberts, general manager of KBYU-TV.

Before production, Puente and Tayler knew they wanted to focus on World War II, but it wasn't until they ran across a bridal magazine that they decided on their final topic.

"It was very hard work, but it was very easy work because it was so enjoyable to tell these women's stories, and to want to tell them in the best way that we possibly could. It was the right idea at the right time," Puente said.

In all, KBYU was nominated for three Emmys by the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, according to a KBYU news release.

The documentary explored the lives and stories of Zola Ash, Ruth Becker and LuRae Greenwood and their respective viewpoints of World War II.

"When we were riding up to the old railroad station in our old cars to take these boys in so they could go off to war ... we'd sometimes get a tear and we couldn't hide it from them. But, the sobbing came on the way home in the car and we just about couldn't see where we were going," Ash said.

> **"It was very hard work, but it was very easy work because it was so enjoyable to tell these women's stories, and to want to tell them in the best way that we possibly could."**
> — Melissa Puente, director of the student-produced movie

"I'm so grateful that KBYU believed in us and that they were willing to give us this opportunity to make the film. It was such a good experience for us," Puente said.

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Adjusting to BYU was different for Zheravina, who is majoring in pre-visual arts. She said learning English has been very hard for her, and sometimes she only understands about two thirds of what a professor says.

"Sometimes professors do not understand me," Zheravina said.

Zheravina said the education system at BYU is different from Russia's. In Russia, she would have had a schedule planned for her based on her major.

She said the ability to choose classes at BYU makes things easier and more enjoyable.

Enoc Flores, director of international services, said these difficulties are typical of students from foreign countries.

There are programs designed to help students feel more comfortable on campus, including pairing new international students up with an older student who can help them, Flores said.

Dhundia said she feels cultural diversity is important.

"It's because we are different that we grow every day," she said.

New support group battles eating disorders

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An eating disorder support group began this week at Women's Services and Resources in the Wilkinson Student Center.

"Fed Up With Food" follows a 12-step outline, similar to those found in other programs designed to treat addictive processes.

LaNae Valentine, coordinator of Women's Services and Resources, and Courtney Merrill, a graduate student from Littleton, Colo., developed the program.

"We hope to help people develop a healthy sense of who they are," Valentine said.

The program includes long and short-term goals to help overcome eating disorders, she said.

"Starting from the first session, it's very goal-oriented and very solution-focused," Merrill said.

The outline includes four goals: peace with God, peace with self, peace with others, and maintaining the peace, she said.

"There's a lot of spiritual focus throughout," Merrill said. She said it is impossible to overcome eating disorders without God.

"It's an addiction, and something that you have lost control over," she said.

Marleen Williams, associate clinical professor of counseling psychology, said this type of program would be "particularly helpful for women at BYU who have spiritual beliefs or concerns."

The program pairs women who have recovered from an eating disorder with others who are currently suffering.

In addition, weekly group meetings will also provide an environment of support, hope and progress.

"I think being able to talk with other women who also struggle can be very useful," Williams said.

The group meeting is structured to remain focused on solutions, rather than problems, Merrill said.

While meeting together, group members are encouraged to share feelings and success stories, rather than symptoms, she said.

"I hope that it becomes something permanent through Women's Services and Resources and that it becomes a positive resource for people who are struggling," Merrill said.

POLICE BEAT

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LOST PROPERTY

A digital interface was reported lost on July 11. The interface had been delivered to the Harold B. Lee Library in April but was never found.

TRESPASSING

A male, banned from BYU, was caught on campus on July 11. He apparently keeps coming back to attend his ward.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A BYU Bookstore student employee reported seeing a male patron with a handgun in his bag on July 11. The police could not find the suspect when they arrived.

SIMPLE ASSAULT

A fight involving two male students broke out in Heritage Halls on July 11. The fight was apparently over a female student. One of the suspects wanted to file charges and was referred to the Provo City attorney.

THEFT

A bicycle was stolen from the Stephen L. Richards Building bike rack on Friday.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A grounds worker reported seeing a suspicious male at the indoor tennis courts on Saturday. The man was running around without a shirt on and was acting strangely. The suspect is reportedly in his 40s.

VANDALISM

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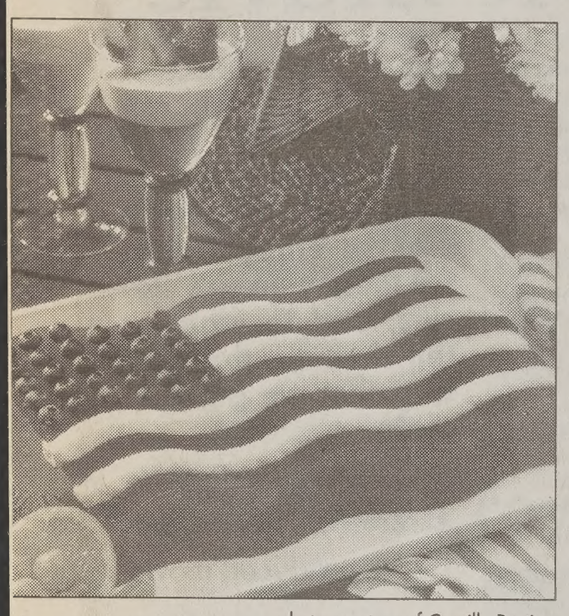
Provo to host first ever Jell-O fest



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Jell-O is Utah's official snack food. A Jell-O fest will be held in honor of this snack food.

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"There's always room for Jell-O," especially at the first ever Jell-O Festival Monday at North Park in Provo.

The festival comes after the Utah Legislature passed a bill making Jell-O the official snack food for the state.

Michael Mower, spokesperson for Provo City, said Utahns have always viewed their state as "number one in Jell-O fun."

"We thought it would be a fun way to pay homage to our state's great dessert," Mower said.

The festivities are free and open to everyone.

"The first 100 people get free pizza," said Stephanie Syphus, Teen Center Recreation coordinator and a senior majoring in recreation management.

The festival features live music as well as various Jell-O games, including Jell-O baseball, Jell-O gelatin target toss, tug-of-war, Jell-O gelatin sheet fling and Jell-O gelatin spoon relay, Syphus said.

Kraft Foods and Associated Foods donated the Jell-O.

"They've been supportive of our efforts to honor their jiggly-wiggly product," Mower said.

Mower said jokingly that participants better watch out for flying lime Jell-O.

"You never know what happens when anxious folks get tossing Jell-O," Mower said

A Jell-O eating contest gives Jell-O lovers the chance to get their fill of Jell-O for free and win prizes at the same time, Syphus said.

Sarah Knutti, 22, a senior from St. Louis, majoring in history, said she is excited to go to the festival.

"I thought, how funny. I want to go see what that's all about," Knutti said.

The festival runs from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. at North Park in Provo, 500 N. 500 West.

Artist finds balance in music, religion

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Maren Ord has made herself at home in two worlds that sometimes seem completely different.

The 19-year-old singer/songwriter from Edmonton, Alberta performs her pop songs both for members and non-members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"There are a lot of differences, particularly the subject matter of the music and the standards involved," said Tyler Jones, records promoter for Highway Records.

Despite the differences, Ord plays it cool on stage. She is just as comfortable tackling the daunting teens at Especially For Youth as she is performing with multi-platinum artist Sarah McLachlan.

"I think especially with the teenagers, they respond a lot more energetically," Ord said, referring to her three performances this summer at EFY.

"There's a lot of dancing and standing up and cheering, so I love those kind of gigs," she said.

Ord is signed to three different record labels, a rare thing for an artist pertaining to The Church of Jesus Christ.

She started by releasing her album "Waiting" with Utah's Highway Records last November.

The album appeared in Canada in February, and Capitol Records plans to release it nationwide in the coming months.

Ord said her shows can be very different depending on the audience.

"Especially with EFY. Since I know that the majority of people out there are members of the church, it's a lot easier to express certain ideas about my songs," she said.

"For example I could say, 'This is about sending off a missionary,' whereas at Lilith Fair you have to say, 'This is about saying goodbye to somebody.' You have to really generalize it."

The singer already has several years of touring experience with Lilith Fair, a music festival created by Ord's idol Sarah McLachlan. Still, she is down-to-earth enough to hang out with family after a concert.

Local theaters offer variety of plays

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Students looking for entertainment this summer may try a community theater performance.

Utah County community theaters put on performances ranging from "Camelot" to "Greater Tuna is No Fish Story."

"Theater offers a lot of things that television and movies can't," said Bill Brown, founder of VIP Arts in Provo.

"As part of the audience, you are a part of the play. Watching theater requires participation, you might have to clap or even laugh. There is a feeling that you get in live theater as an audience member that you just don't get in any other medium," Brown said.

Theater can bring culture into everyday life and is a positive experience with a lot of benefits. Even Brigham Young supported the theater and acted in plays, Brown said.

Tracy Whitlock, an office assistant for the SCERA Showhouse in Orem, said watching a sad or depressing play can make someone appreciate the good things in their own life, and watching a happy play usually makes a person happy.

"To me the theater is an uplifting experience that takes you out of ordinary life," she said.

The Hale Theater in Orem keeps their plays family oriented.

"We keep our plays entertaining, but keep out the filth that is often in television shows and movies," said Mary Kay Peirce, office assistant for the Hale Theater.

Theater offers a nice diversity that is another aspect of culture that often gets ignored, Peirce said.

While watching a performance, people need to appreciate the hard work that goes into the performance, she said. People need to recognize how the author's words, the director's angle and the actors' interpretation of their roles add to the play, Peirce said.

The Little London Dinner Theater in Pleasant Grove combines a cultural experience with dinner.

"I think it is important to get away from the stress of school and work. It is fun to come to the theater and not have to cook dinner. It's also nice to just relax and enjoy yourself in a different way," said Janice Carter, receptionist for the Little London Dinner Theater.

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From right to left Celeste Bales, Tyler Nielson, Brittney Nyman, Nathan Prowitt, Alex Wells and Sydney Carlson play the children in the Sound of Music.

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Lance coming back

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CHAMROUSSE, France — nce Armstrong hunched over handlebars, lowered his head d gritted his teeth as he pow-ed up the steep mountain mb from Grenoble to amrousse.

This time, he wasn't bluffing. t the end result was the same ednesday.

The Texan blew away his als for a second day running d took another big step toward hird Tour de France title.

"We're getting closer and clos- to the yellow jersey," mstrong said after finishing uphill time-trial a minute ter than his main rival, rmany's Jan Ullrich.

Taking the start in fourth from t position, the U.S. Postal rvice rider pedaled at a tempo t made the 5,019-foot climb h into the French Alps look ortless.

Some 2 1/2 miles from the fin-, he had set a time 42 seconds ter than Ullrich's. In the final ill stretch, he extended the rgin by a further 18 seconds, cking a time of 1 hour, 7 min-s, 27 seconds.

But it wasn't enough to satisfy two-time champion.

"I still believe that there's ther level of Lance mstrong," he said.

The performance was all the re impressive given Ullrich's ng showing on the 19.87-e leg. He placed second after knocking 35 seconds off Spaniard Joseba Beloki's best time.

The win gave Armstrong his second stage victory. He left his rivals behind in Tuesday's first mountain climb, surging past them at the foot of L'Alpe d'Huez and powering to the summit.

He later admitted he had used TV coverage to bluff his competitors, who exhausted themselves in the first two climbs believing Armstrong was tired and unable to keep pace.

There was no room for poker tactics in Wednesday's grueling climb.

"(In a time-trial) there are no tactics, it's an event that anybody can figure out," Armstrong said. "The only slight consideration is that it's a hard course, so you have to judge where you use your efforts."

To help judge the climb, Armstrong and his teammates did four practice runs at Chamrousse before the start of the Tour.

"We spent a lot of time being here and figuring out what to do," Armstrong said.

Armstrong had earlier warned that it would be "tough" to recover from the effort at L'Alpe d'Huez, but showed no sign of flagging Wednesday in the time trial.

"I didn't expect to recover and feel as good as I did," Armstrong said. "From now on, I will be very careful with my efforts."

Stevenson in camp, faces rape charges

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DeShawn Stevenson, the Utah Jazz's problematic first round draft pick in 2000, is back in Utah preparing for the Rocky Mountain Review.

Stevenson was arrested in June for suspicion of having sex with a 14-year-old girl in his hometown of Fresno, Calif., according to the Associated Press. Stevenson has pleaded innocent to statutory rape charges.

Stevenson's arrival in Utah has not only created a media storm, but has also raised moral and ethical questions about whether a person facing statutory rape charges should be able to play for a professional sports team.

DeShawn Stevenson will continue playing for the Jazz, and the team will focus on basketball while the courts handle Stevenson's case, the Utah Jazz said.

"He has not been convicted of anything," said Kim Turner, Utah Jazz spokesman.

While Stevenson has not been convicted of any crime, he is still raising the eyebrows of some who feel he has no business playing basketball for the Jazz.

"I think the Jazz should look at the seriousness of what he is accused of, and I think he should sit out while he is being investigated," said Jamee Roberts, executive director of the Salt Lake Rape Recovery Center. "Players who take advantage of the limelight have a responsibility to behave differently."

Gayle Ruzicka, president of the conservative Utah Eagle Forum, feels Stevenson is entitled to a fair trial and the ability to continue making a living doing what he does best — with some restrictions.

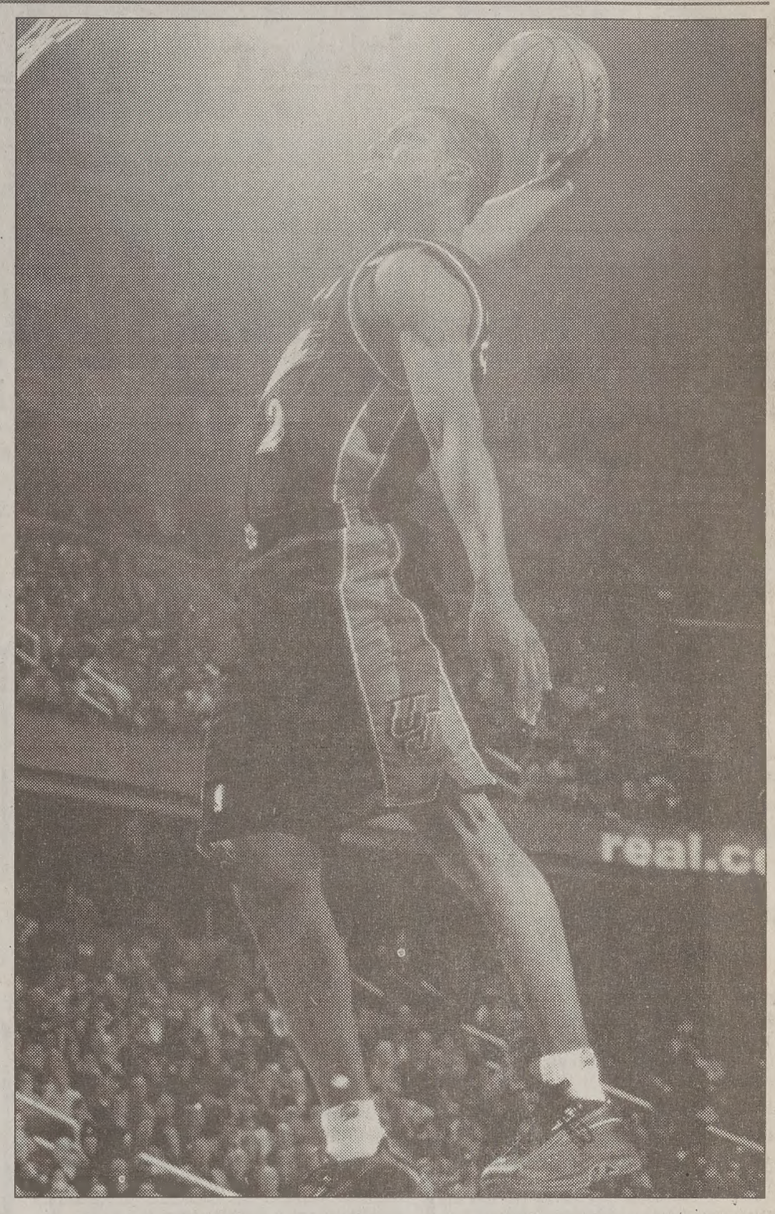
"He (Stevenson) has the right to continue on with his livelihood as long as he is not working around children," Ruzicka said.

Some fans feel the effects of allowing Stevenson to stay on the Jazz's roster might tarnish the Jazz's squeaky-clean image.

"The Utah Jazz has always been an organization that does business the old-school way, but hanging on to DeShawn Stevenson may stain the organization's reputation in the future," said Blaine Matthews, a Jazz fan.

Others feel the public is not at liberty to make an informed decision about whether Stevenson should be allowed to continue playing with the Jazz or not.

"I'm just an outside observer, so judgment for me would be inappropriate," said Ryan Daw, a season-ticket holder.



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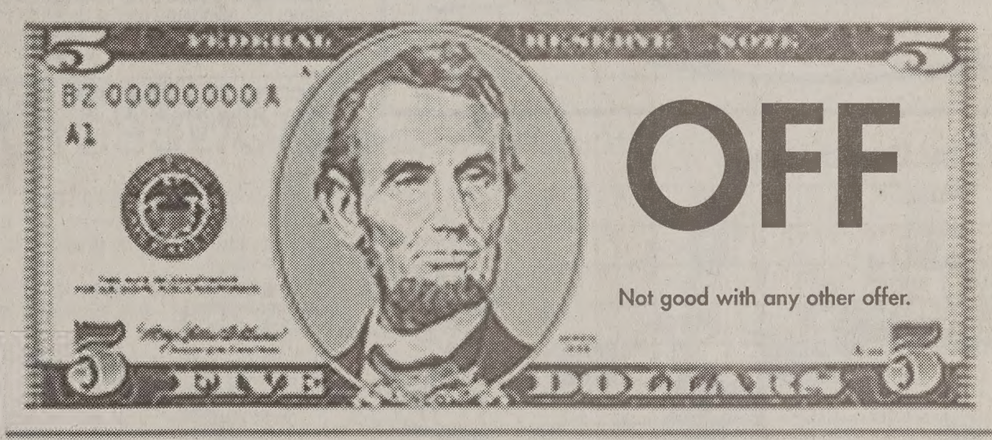
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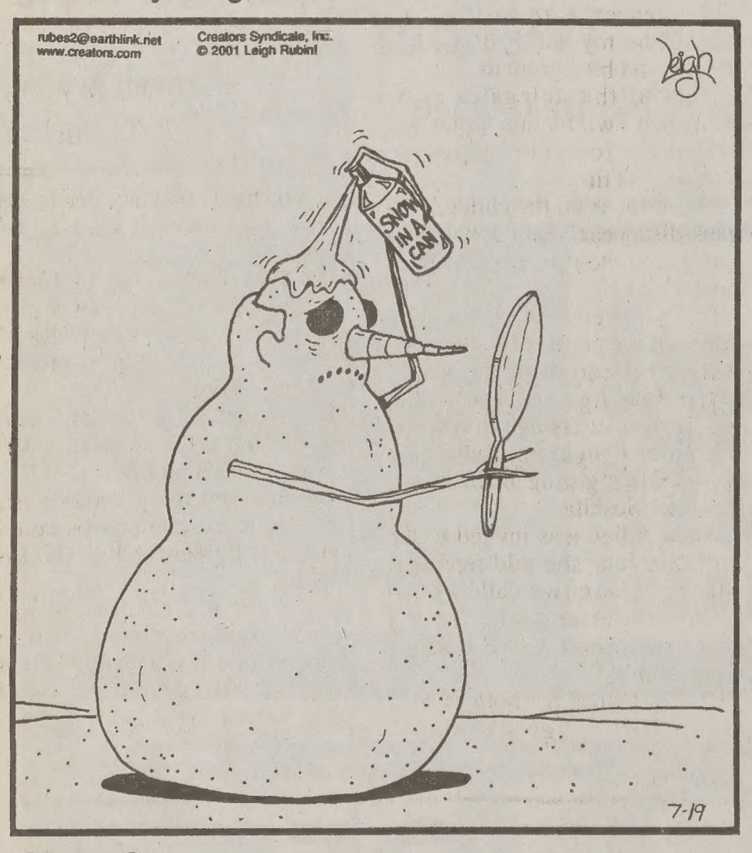

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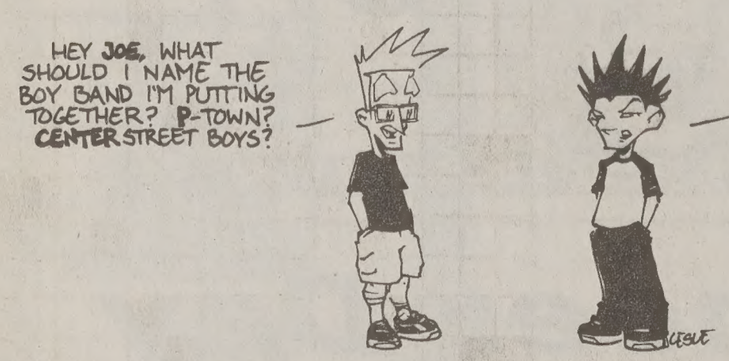

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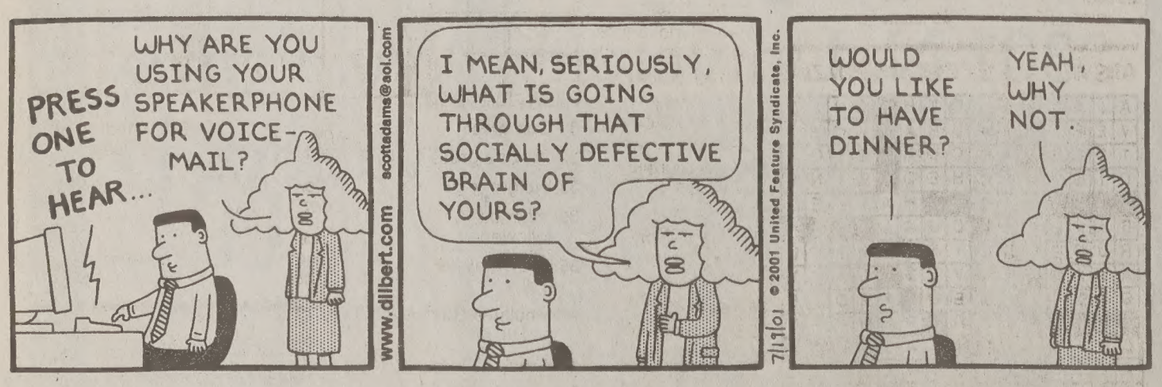
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Report urges Bush's support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supporters of research using embryonic stem cells are pointing to two new endorsements as they urge President Bush to allow federal funds for the work.

A federal health research report released Wednesday said scientists should be free to pursue all avenues of research, including that involving human embryos.

Also, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., the only physician in the Senate and a close Bush ally, announced his support for federal funding of the practice.

"I conclude that embryonic and adult stem cell research should be federally funded within a carefully regulated, fully transparent framework," Frist said. Noting his opposition to abortion, Frist said he felt compelled to support research that could save lives.

"I strongly believe that we have measured the question carefully, and that it is time to move on," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, whose Senate panel oversees federal health spending and held the hearing where the report and Frist's opinion were made public.

The 200-plus page scientific report from the National Institutes of Health does not make a specific recommendation, one way or the other, on federal funding but endorses research using embryonic stem sells.

"The NIH report is clear on this important point: Embryonic and adult stem cells are different and both present immense research opportunities for potential therapies," Harkin said at the hearing.

Harkin added he will push for legislation allowing the stem cell funding if Bush doesn't approve it.

"During the next several years, it will be important to compare embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells in terms of their ability to proliferate, differentiate, survive and function after transplant, and avoid immune rejection," said the report.

Bush is weighing whether to allow federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, which is opposed by some because isolating the cells requires the death of a human embryo.

Scientists believe they can learn to direct the development of embryonic stem cells to grow mature cells or tissues that could be used to treat disease. Some estimate that stem cells could benefit more than 100 million patients with such disorders as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, diabetes and spinal cord injuries.

Opponents of the research believe embryos should not be killed, even for the treatment of disease. Instead, they favor research using the adult stem cells, which are taken from mature organs and then manipulated in the lab.

The federal researchers said embryonic stem cells can develop into all types of cells and tissue, a flexibility that may be lacking in so-called "adult" stem cells taken from mature tissue. However, the report concludes, "the answers clearly lie in conducting more research."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle called Frist's support of the research "very encouraging," adding that the senator "carries great weight and has a great deal of respect" because of his medical expertise. Frist's statement "is an indication that support lies on both sides of the aisle."

A key abortion opponent, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, also supported federal funding for stem cell research. But he added that he is troubled that some companies would create embryos in order to conduct this research.

"This type of research is indicative of the problems we will continue to encounter if we don't allow federal funding with strict guidelines for embryonic stem cell research," Hatch said.

Labor unions: realign dollar, recover economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Labor unions and business leaders are urging President Bush to make currency realignment a priority at this week's economic summit in Italy, saying the overvalued U.S. dollar is preventing economic recovery.

"Clearly, with manufacturers, farmers and labor unions all singing the same tune, there's a growing consensus that the No. 1 impediment to a healthy U.S. and global economic recovery is the overvaluation of the dollar," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Jasinowski and Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, sent a joint letter to Bush to press for action. In a separate letter to Bush, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said the dollar's appreciation has meant the nation's trade deficit has exploded and jobs are being lost. It also is causing economic problems in Europe.

"These effects, both at home and abroad, risk setting the stage for a global recession," Sweeney said.

Bush, asked if he had concerns about the strong U.S. dollar, said there were pros and cons, but the market should determine its value.

"It's harder to export, but it also helps attract capital," he said. "And much of our economy relies upon investors investing in the U.S. because of the dollar. And so we understand the pluses and minuses and, therefore, let the market determine the float of the dollar."

The dollar has risen nearly 30 percent against major currencies in the last four years, creating a situation similar to the mid-1980s, when the United States was squeezed out of world markets by an overvalued dollar, Jasinowski and Stallman said.

"We urge you to stop the economic hemorrhaging by acting to ensure that the value of the dollar will be consistent with economic reality and market conditions," their letter said.

Bush left Wednesday for a weeklong European trip to promote international free trade. His trip is centered on the meeting starting Friday in Genoa, Italy, of the Group of Eight, the leaders of the seven largest industrial democracies — Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Canada, Italy, the United States and Russia.

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Study: wealth not factor in behavior

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While American children are growing up wealthier than ever, this generation of youngsters is not the healthiest, the wisest or the best behaved.

From 1980 to 1999, the share of children growing up in a high-income home doubled from 16.8 percent to 29 percent, according to the annual look at federal child statistics released Wednesday.

In that period, poverty fell steadily and more American parents found work, according to figures that drew immediate praise from the Bush administration.

"It's a good time to be a child in America," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who promised more funds to address youth issues.

"These findings represent important victories for children and adolescents," said Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, an HHS agency that specializes in child research.

However, U.S. youngsters statistically marched in place by many other measures — test scores and some student achievement remained flat and bad habits like smoking and drinking continued about the same pace as before, according to the America's Children report.

For instance:

— In 1980, 21.3 percent of high school seniors said they smoked daily, by 2000 the percentage of seniors smoking regularly was 20.6 percent.

— Eighty-six percent of American youth had finished high school or earned diploma equivalents in 1999. In 1980, that figure was 84 percent.

"It's a cautionary tale of progress," said Margaret C. Simms, research director of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank that specializes in racial issues. "Economic expansion is not enough to put all families on equal footing."

Household incomes have risen for all groups of children — including minority children, but many of them are in families that lack proper health insurance coverage, she said.

The annual study is compiled by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics using information from 20 federal agencies. The forum is a federal and private research partnership created by the government in 1994.

Researchers followed health, education, economic and education trends among America's 70.4 million children under the age of 18. The report is based on the most recently available statistics, primarily from 2000, 1999 or 1998. Some parts of the report compare recent trends to those from 20 years ago.

Government agencies touted short-term gains. In recent years, teen pregnancies, youth violence and deaths have declined from the 1990s, the figures showed.

"Some of the declines we are seeing are off crazy peaks," said Douglas Besharov, a welfare expert at the American Enterprise Institute. In the 1980s, he said, crack cocaine increased social problems among youth such as violence, substance abuse and unplanned pregnancies.

Triple-digit divorce rates also affected the stability of children across all cultural and economic lines, changing the basic fabric of the family. More than 75 percent of U.S. children lived in a two-parent household. By 2000, the report said, for the first time, a quarter of children lived in single parent homes — most with their mothers.

Council puts rumors to rest

Citizens voice frustrations about freeway ramp

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Citizens forced an impromptu public hearing during the Provo City Council meeting Tuesday night due to rumors of a freeway interchange at 1700 North in Provo.

About 50 residents of the Grandview neighborhood in Northwest Provo were at the council meeting to voice their frustration for being left out of discussions to build a freeway interchange in their neighborhood.

Mayor Lewis K. Billings said there have been discussions about the need for an interchange and a study is currently being done.

"Something has to be done to the road infrastructure to handle traffic. But we are months away from a formal recommendation," he said.

Dennis Poulsen, Council chair, suggested the mayor answer questions in the lobby since the interchange issue was not on the meeting agenda. The council meeting continued while residents debated with the mayor for several hours.

"Obviously we are opposed to this," said Provo resident Scott McKell. "No one wants a thoroughfare through their neighborhood."

Kay Van Buren, Grandview neighborhood chair, said he was concerned because residents did not receive adequate notice about previous meetings to discuss a possible freeway interchange.

He said residents were at Tuesday's council meeting because they received a flyer urging them to express their concern about the proposed freeway interchange.

Poulsen apologized to the residents for any misinformation they received.

"We solicit public input and I apologize if we have offended or locked you out in any way," Poulsen said.

Residents are concerned about safety and the value of their homes if a freeway interchange is constructed. Billings said no matter what their concerns, the interchange may be necessary due to growth in the area.

"I want to provide adequately for the transportation needs of the city," Billings said.

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> —Melanie McCord, Provost neighborhood chair

Melanie McCord, Provost neighborhood chair, said she is glad residents came to the meeting informed about the issue.

"These residents are really ahead of the game. Now they will not find out about the interchange when it is too late and construction begins," she said.

Billings scheduled another meeting in August to continue discussion on the freeway interchange.

He said he hopes to have a meeting with Provo residents, engineers, who are conducting the study for the interchange, and Provo City officials.

Y hosts United Nations forum

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The third annual World Family Policy Forum sponsored by BYU brought representatives of all ethnicities, beliefs and ages to Provo this week.

More than 60 United Nations delegates, ambassadors and religious leaders from around the world attended this year's forum.

The theme of the three-day conference was "Making the World Safe for Children."

Students and staff of the university were invited to attend sessions of the conference held in the J. Rueben Clarke Law building free of charge.

"We had a rare opportunity to view some very important issues debated and decisions being made by some highly regarded people," said Heath Bryant, 22, a junior from Kent, Wash., majoring in communications.

One issue addressed in the forum was clarification of the definitions and wording of some U.N. documents.

"If we don't accomplish anything else, I hope we can at least help to get some of the language changed in existing documents to help protect the family," said Marya Reed, a representative for the policy center on campus.

The speakers who presented painted contrasting pictures of the conditions of children and families in the nations they come from.

The needs of each country varied and gave listeners a brief glimpse of the difficulties faced in countries other than their own.

Differences were easy to spot amidst the myriad of dress, languages and backgrounds.

Each of the delegates came with their own unique issues and concerns forming gaps and obstacles at times.

"If we focus on the children the gaps disappear," said Jeff Hill, a family science professor representing BYU.

The youngest member who attended the conference this year was only twenty-eight days old.

Brinda Adige felt the forum was important enough to take the trip from Bangalore, India only weeks after giving birth to her daughter Sushila.

When Adige was invited to the forum in June she told representatives, "I have two children and I cannot attend the forum because I can't leave both of them behind."

BYU provided for both Sushila and Sunder, Adige's 18-month old son to accompany her to the conference, which focused on children.

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Adige was invited to the forum to give a presentation on a program she founded in India in 1998 that helps reunite runaways with their families.

Her organization though still developing, takes in roughly 400 runaways each month.

When asked if she thought her addition to the conference would make a difference Adige nodded eagerly.

"I know my coming is not going to affect any policy changes in a major way, but it is going to make a lot of people sit up and think," she said.

House delays debate over charities

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House abruptly postponed debate Wednesday on White House-backed legislation giving religious charities an expanded role in federal social service programs, responding to pressure from critics who argued the measure would pre-empt state and local anti-discrimination laws.

The Republican leadership offered no formal explanation for the delay. But several sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the discrimination issue was the topic of lively debate at a closed-door weekly meeting of the Republican rank-and-file.

In addition, these officials said the leadership was worried critics would prevail when they forced a vote on pre-empting state and local laws relating to employment discrimination. If so, supporters of the measure said they feared the coalition of religious groups supporting passage would begin to unravel.

Civil rights and gay rights groups said they feared the measure would permit faith-based groups receiving federal funds to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., and other Republicans made clear earlier in the week they hoped to amend the bill to make it clear that state and local laws apply.

The developments came as supporters made the case for passage of the legislation at a rally that made no mention of the controversy bubbling below the surface.

"We think once we have a chance to vote on this legislation we will have taken a giant step forward of putting government on the side of people in the trenches," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., the leading GOP supporter of the bill. "The legislation isn't about the church. It isn't about the state. The legislation is about ... the people who are in the trenches everyday answering the call of making the community better."

At the same time, House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., told reporters that Democrats were "worried about this bill allowing faith-based organizations to discriminate among people that they deal with or people that they hire or employ."

Republicans hold a majority in the House. But, the margin is so thin that only a relative handful of defections can spell defeat on a vote.

The maneuvering came on legislation that would mark a down payment on President Bush's campaign vow of a year ago to summon the "armies of compassion" in every community to attack the nation's social ills.

The bill allows religious charities to compete for government grants in an expanded list of federal programs, including housing, domestic violence and hunger relief. Recipients of aid could not be required to attend worship services or religious instruction. The organizations themselves would be permitted to retain religious names, charters and symbols on building walls.

In addition, groups would be permitted to make hiring decisions based on religion, without regard to state or local laws on the subject, a provision that critics say could lead to discrimination against gays and others.

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40 Puts down
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43 Héloïse's correspondent
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46 Successfully defended one's title
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56 It was founded in 1440
57 Morse bits
58 Eclipses
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7 Indiana Jones's dread
8 Pastor's field: Abbr.
9 Trial evidence, sometimes
10 Small mouthlike aperture
11 Three before 5-Across
12 It's heard on "Cops"
13 Auto pioneer Citroën
18 Refer to
19 Going (over)
23 "M*A*S*H" characters
24 Neurites
25 Lettuce variety
26 Gouda alternative
27 Basketball team, e.g.
28 Arrested
30 Con artist
32 Provide gratis
33 Weight, e.g.
35 "Friends" follower
36 They may be dull
41 Emulates Romeo and Juliet
42 Woes
43 Like rainbows
44 Beautiful, in Bologna
45 Some keys have them
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50 Come down
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53 "To what do I ___ ...?"

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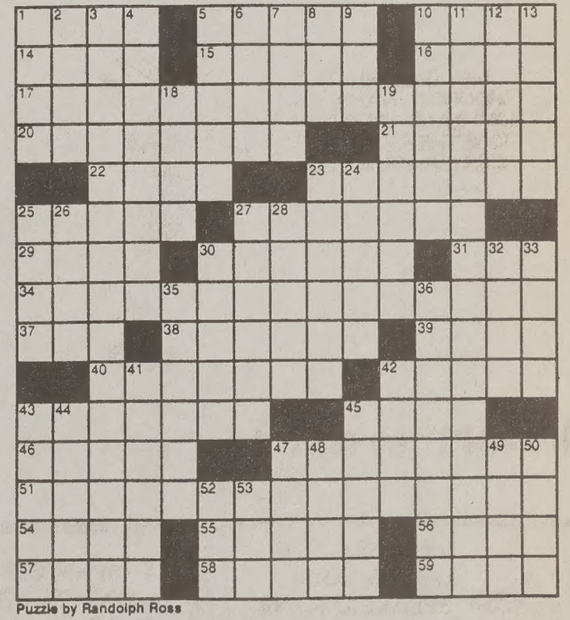

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Church to host pioneer celebration

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Pioneer Day is fast approaching and bringing with it parades, activities and even grocery store sales.

To add to the celebrations, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host the first Pioneer Day Commemoration Sunday.

The event will be in the Conference Center and will feature music, narration and an address by President Gordon B. Hinckley.

"Anytime the choir gets a chance to be in front of a group of people I get excited," Brent R. Peterson said.

Peterson, the general manager of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, said he is also excited that the choir can now perform with The Orchestra at Temple Square.

"It's just exciting to know that you can do it in front of 20,000 people, especially with our own orchestra," Peterson said.

The program will include patriotic and pioneer songs such as "Come, Come, Ye Saints," and "Faith in Every Footstep."

Lloyd D. Newell, who will be narrating the program, said the choir is an integral part of Utah's culture, history and heritage.

"The forerunner to the choir was formed just after the Saints arrived in 1847," Newell said. "This is an institution that has been around a long time and is loved."

Cynthia Doxey, a choir member for four years, is expecting Sunday night to be a great experience.

"It's always wonderful to hear from the prophet and to be in the midst of the brethren," she said.

Doxey said she feels this will be a special experience to listen to the prophet and to sing songs of the restoration.

"I think the prophets have felt like maybe we need to have a bigger celebration, more of a spiritual celebration," Doxey said.

Although the Tabernacle is officially the home of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, choir members are getting accustomed to performances in the Conference Center.

"Every time we sing there it is better than the last time," Doxey said, "It's harder to see the people, but the spirit is still certainly there and it is a great time."

The acoustics of the Conference Center pose a challenge for the choir. The organ in the Conference Center also has a slightly different sound.

Great 8 converge, discuss concerns

Associated Press

ROME — Foreign ministers from the world's industrial powers kicked off a two-day conference in Rome with some tough issues to tackle. Debt, disease, poverty and wars topped their agenda.

The Rome conference is a prelude to the Group of Eight summit later this week in the northern port city of Genoa, an event that is drawing tens of thousands of demonstrators.

At host Italy's urging, the foreign ministers opened their talks with a nod to the concerns of the street crusaders who've become a fixture at international summits over the past two years.

The idea, Italian Foreign Minister Renato Ruggiero said, was to demonstrate "a common concern for the destiny of the world and the future of the less favored, to ensure they are not sidelined by the present globalization process."

The Rome conference gathers the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Canada, Japan, Italy and Russia.

They planned to discuss how rich countries can do more to help the poor, regional crises such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the devastating toll AIDS is taking on poor countries, especially in Africa.

Ahead of the conference, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell met with his Russian counterpart, Igor Ivanov. Their talks were dominated by the American missile defense shield, which Russia bitterly opposes.

Powell later described the two-hour meeting as "very, very friendly" and Ivanov said Russia was still open to "a constructive dialogue" despite the wedge missile defense has driven in relations.

"The success of this dialogue will, by and large, determine the strategic stability of the entire world," Ivanov said.

The G-8 summit in Genoa begins Friday and ends Sunday.

Anticipating protests, authorities have deployed some 20,000 police and soldiers in Genoa, blocked off entrances to the summit site with iron gratings, and shut down the harbor and two train stations.

A series of bombs and bomb scares have also strained nerves.

On Wednesday, a small parcel bomb went off in the Milan offices of a television station owned by Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, slightly injuring the secretary who opened it. The bomb was addressed to Tg4 news director Emilio Fede.

Another package bomb went off in the office of Italian clothing giant Benetton in Treviso, near Venice. There were no serious injuries reported. The device was contained in a book that exploded when it was opened, the ANSA news agency said.

Police disarmed an explosive device attached to a bicycle in the center of Bologna and a parcel blew up in the hands of a policeman in Genoa on Monday, seriously injuring him.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the bombs and it wasn't clear if they were related to the summit.

Utah defends laws on nuclear waste

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The state on Wednesday began defending its new laws aimed at stopping a plan to store high-level nuclear waste on the Goshute Indian Reservation.

In a brief filed with U.S. District Court, state attorneys responded to the lawsuit brought by the Goshute Indians and a group of nuclear power utilities in April. They also presented their counteroffensive to the allegations and demanded the case be heard by a Utah jury.

One of the laws that prompted the lawsuit bans the storage of high-level nuclear waste in Utah. A companion measure requires the nuclear utilities to put up to $2 billion in financial guarantees in case of an accident at the site.

In Wednesday's filing, state attorneys outlined five reasons the lawsuit should be dismissed.

Among the state arguments is that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission did not have the authority to license the private, for-profit dump proposed by Private Fuel Storage.

State attorneys also claim the Goshutes did not lawfully approve the lease and that the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affair's conditional approval of the plan violates that agency's own policies.

They also repeatedly referred to PSF's plan as a "scheme" that takes advantage of one of the poorest Indian reservations in the country. The deal with Private Fuel Storage could bring the tribe millions of dollars in fees and jobs.

The laws were passed in response to the Goshutes' plan to make a deal with Private Fuel Storage, a consortium of waste-producing utilities, to keep spent reactor fuel on the reservation.

Utilities around the nation that operate nuclear plants are increasingly desperate to find a place to store the spent fuel because storage pools at many plants are full.

A proposed long-term solution, burying the waste in Yucca Mountain in Nevada, still is decades off.

The lawsuit argues the state laws are pre-empted by existing federal laws that regulate nuclear waste storage.

Gov. Mike Leavitt said the lawsuit is only one of the ways the state hopes to stop the plan, adding there will be more state laws and political pressure aimed at stopping the waste from coming to Utah.

"The state's authority and responsibility to protect its citizens and the environment are clear. We can and will act to keep our state free of high-level nuclear waste," Leavitt said.

The Skull Valley Band of Goshutes has a 18,000 acre reservation about 45 miles southwest, and upwind, from Salt Lake City. The tribe has 124 members, only

Buildings remain empty, brokerage firm reports

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Landlords throughout the Salt Lake Valley are struggling to fill their office buildings.

In a report to be released today, the commercial brokerage firm CB Richard Ellis said the percentage of unoccupied office space throughout the Salt Lake metropolitan area has increased to 15.3 percent, up from 11.7 percent in the first quarter.

"That's a big jump," said Paul Skene of the brokerage company.

Potential tenants are being courted with three to six months of free rent on leases of five years or more as well as other concessions such as reduced rates and improvement allowances, he said.

"Tenants have not seen an environment like this for seven years," Skene said.

In addition, net absorption of office space — the amount of newly occupied space minus the amount of space vacated — was negative 231,800 square feet in the first six months of the year, the brokerage said.

That compares with positiv absorption of 754,000 square fe of space in 1999 and more than million square feet of space la year, the brokerage said.

"This is the first time in mo than 10 years that absorption h been negative, year-to-date, in t downtown and suburban areas said Scott Wilmarth of C Richard Ellis.

Over the past year, numerou companies operating in the Sa Lake Valley have merged grown smaller, lowering t demand for office space, said B Martin of Salt Lake City con mercial brokerage Colliers Con merce CRG.

The amount of office spac available probably will make difficult for office projects no under construction — such as t three-story 90,000-square-fo building being built in South Jo dan's RiverPark complex — find tenants.

Several office buildings co pleted over the past year s vacant.

Amoco sells SLC refinery

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The world's third-largest publicly traded oil company formerly known as BP Amoco, is selling its Salt Lake City refinery to Tesoro Petroleum Corp. of San Antonio, Texas.

The refinery, which is being sold as part of a $677 million package that includes another refinery in North Dakota and retail properties in the Intermountain West, processes about 55,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

One of four refineries in Utah, it employs 190 people. More than half its production is gasoline. The rest is diesel and jet fuel.

BP spokesman Daren Beaudo described the Salt Lake City facility as a "strong little refinery" that no longer fits into BP's long-term plans.

In November, BP announced it intended to sell its gasoline production facilities in Utah and North Dakota to focus its business on larger refineries that a generate petrochemicals.

Tesoro intends to keep all 1 employees at the Utah refine said Susan Pirotina, compa spokeswoman.

Tesoro, an independent refi and marketer of petroleum pr ucts, already operates th refineries in the Western Uni States with a combined capac of 275,000 barrels of day.

The company currently supp gasoline under its Mirastar br name to Wal-Mart stores in Western states, including Utah locations. The progra which began in the second hal 2000, is scheduled to h approximately 80 outlets in o ation by the end of this year.

As part of its transaction v BP, Tesoro will acquire 33 re gasoline stations in the Salt L area currently operating under Amoco brand name. Those tions will be changed to Tes branded properties by the en the year, Pirotina said.

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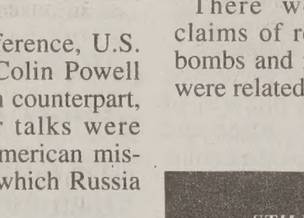
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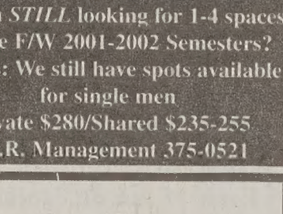
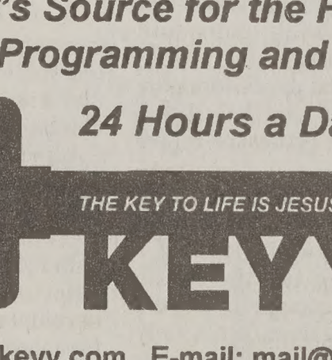
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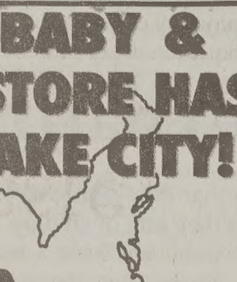

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